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IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

NE/S Liberty Road, opposite

Ellen Road

8126-28 Liberty Road
2nd Election District
2nd Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: MI Partnership

Contract Purchaser: Papa John's

International, Petitioner

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 95-378-A

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for the property located at 8126-28 Liberty Road in the northwestern section of Baltimore County. The Petition is filed by Vernon Merkle, General Partner of MI Partnership, property owner and Papa John's International Restaurants, Lessee. Variance relief is requested from Section 413(2)(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit 346 sq. ft. of free-standing business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 sq. ft. At the public hearing held for this case the Petition was amended to reduce the amount of signage requested to 261.26 sq. ft.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing was Richard E. Matz from Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., engineers. The Petitioner was represented by John B. Gontrum, Esquire. Appearing as interested persons were Emily Wolfson on behalf of the Liberty Communities Development Corporation and Dr. Bruce Brown, Veterinarian, who operates the Liberty Animal Clinic immediately next door to the subject site.

Testimony and evidence offered was that the subject property is approximately 20,050 sq. ft. in area and is zoned B.R.-C.C.C. The property is located adjacent to the intersection of Liberty Road and Ellen Road, along the highly commercial/business corridor that is Liberty Road. This property has had a long history of use as a commercial property. The site is improved by an existing one story building which presently houses three

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commercial tenants. The major tenant is the Papa John's Pizza Restaurant.

Other tenants occupying the site include a laundromat and clothing store.

The balance of the property is improved with a macadam parking area.

The site also presently features an old sign which advertises several former tenants of the property. The Petitioner proposes removing this sign and constructing a modern sign in its place. The sign originally proposed by the Petitioner is shown on the site plan (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1). However, the request was amended, prior to the hearing, as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 3. At the hearing, a second amendment was offered which further modifies that sign depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit No 3.

As proposed, the sign will be 15 ft. high. It will be substantially similar to the sign depicted on Exhibit No. 3 except that the 4 ft. base will be reduced to 3 ft. and the signage portion will be 10 ft. in height in lieu of 12 ft. The top of the sign will contain the logo for Papa John's Restaurant and a message board. Two other tenant panels will be available. The Petitioner also indicated that this would be the only free standing sign on the site.

Based on the amendments made to the proposal and the reduced area of signage, as described above, Mrs. Wolfson and Dr. Brown support the request. It is also of note that the Office of Planning and Zoning prefers the proposed sign in lieu of the old unattractive sign which presently is located on the property.

In support of the requested variances, it should be observed that the site contains three commercial tenants. Would the property be considered a shopping center, a sign 150 sq. ft. in area would be permissible, pursuant to Section 413.2(e) of the BCZR. However, the Petitioner has not chosen to identify itself as a shopping center; thus, a greater variance is needed.



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Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the relief requested, as amended. Clearly, this will be an improvement for the subject site and not be detrimental to the surrounding locale. Moreover, the uniqueness of the subject lot and its use is found in the fact that more than one business operates on the property. For these reasons, the Petition for Variance should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

#### Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 6, 1995

John Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221

> RE: Petition for Variance Case No. 95-378-A

> > Property:8126-28 Liberty Road Legal Owner: MI Partnership

Contract Purchaser: Papa John's International

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, with restriction, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

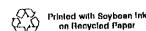
Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Mrs. Emily Wolfson, Liberty Communities Development Corp. Dr. Bruce Brown, Liberty Animal Clinic

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# Petition for Variance

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

8126-28 Liberty Road

which is presently zoned.

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baitimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 413(2)(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit a total area of 346 square feet of freestanding business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 square feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

The proposed use is a highly competitive business which requires an onsite sign with a recognizable company logo visible to the traveling public.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baitimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baitimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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Ed Gruber, General Contractor	Legal Owner(s):
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and July	Verno Merble
Signature C/O EMG Associates	Signature
915 Tyson Drive	<b>\</b>
Address	(Type or Print Name)
West Chester, PA 19382	
City State Zipcode	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner:	MI Partnership
John Gontrum, Esga	8112 Liberty Road 410-922-4200
(Type or Print Name)	Address Phone No.
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	Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted.
814 Eastern Avenue 686-8274	Richard E. Matz, PE
Address Phone No.	_Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.
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#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 or Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case: #95-378-A
(Item 370)
8126 - 28 Liberty Road
NE/S Liberty Road, opposite Ellen Road
2nd Election District
2nd Councilmanic
Legal Owner:
Mi Partnership
Contract Purchaser:
Papa John's International
Hearing: Friday,
June 2, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.
in Rm. 106, County Office
Building.

Variance to permit a total area of 346 square feet of free standing business signade in fleu of the permitted 100 square feet.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1)Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Call 887-3353

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Date 4/20/95

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8126-28 Liberty Road .45 +/- acre

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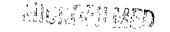
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Previous Hearing: 5386-X (approved 4/5/62)

Attorney: John Gontrum

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Please Make Checks Payable To: Baltimore County



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

April 28, 1995

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Arnold Jablon Director

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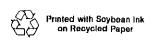
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NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

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- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.







111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

May 24, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: Item No.: 370

Case No.: 95-378-A

Petitioner: Vernon Merkle

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on April 20, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)

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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: May 18, 1995

SUBJECT: 8126-28 Liberty Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

370

Petitioner:

Vernon Merkle

Property Size:

Zoning:

BR-CCC

Requested Action:

Variance

Hearing Date:

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#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The applicant requests a variance to permit a total area of 346 square feet of freestanding business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 square feet.

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Staff has met with applicant's representatives to discuss the subject variance request. As a result of our meeting and based upon an analysis of the proposed sign treatment, staff supports the requested variance because 1) a modern monument type sign will be replacing an unattractive larger sign; and 2) the petitioner has agreed that the sign will be intergrated with landscaping which should improve the overall visual quality of the site.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

PK/JL

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 8, 1995
Zoning Administration and Development Management

Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 8, 1995 Item No. 370

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item. The submitted parking layout fails to conform with Sec. IX.c.2.b.2 of the Landscape Manual, requiring a 10-foot setback from the right-of-way for landscaping.

RWB:sw

FROM

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

T0:

ZADM

DATE: <u>5/16/95</u>

FROM:

**DEPRM** 

Development Coordination

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: 5/1/95

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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Ms. Joyce Watson Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

5-3-95

Baltimore County
Item No.: 370 (WCR)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours, Bob Small

Ronald Burns, Chief

**Engineering Access Permits** 

Division

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#### Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 05/05/95

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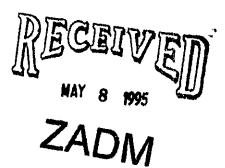
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Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Eureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshel's Office has no comments at this time. IN PCFIRENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:369,369.364.365.366.367,369(379),371.372.373.373.375.376 and 377.



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. BAUERHALD Fine Marchal Office, PHONE 087-4801, MS-1102F

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

May 12, 1995

John Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21221

> RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #370) Contract Purchaser: Papa John's Inter.

8126-28 Liberty Road 2nd Election District

#### Dear Mr. Gontrum:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

- 1. Legal owner's name on petition form does not agree with legal owner's name on the plat. The must both reflect the same name(s).
- Setback of (south side) parking spaces to street right-of-way has been 10 feet since 5/26/88. Prior to that it was 8 feet. Give age of existing building and parking lot.
- 3. Submit copy of deed giving use of the traffic and pedestrian easement (east side). Get approval of Rahee Famili, Developers Engineering Section, Room 213, for same plus access to the other spaces.
- 4. Explain and date parking space layout changes. Current plan differs with microfilm copy of #5386-X hearing plan.





John Gontrum, Esquire May 12, 1995 Page 2

- 5. Give hearing case number (and details), granting the 15-foot rear setback. Zoning map "2nd & 3rd A", effective 4/5/60 shows B.R. zoning. (#5386-X plan shows 30-foot plus rear setback.)
- 6. Dimension each use within the building footprint.
- 7. Indicate the special exception case number for the off-site sign.
- 8. Add amenity open space calculations and label and shade the areas.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

John J. Sullivan, Jr.

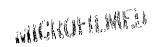
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Enclosure (receipt)

c: Zoning Commissioner



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Legal Owner:

**Election District** 

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Enclosure (receipt)

cc: Zoning Commissioner

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2nd Councilmanic

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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CASE NO. 95-378-A

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#### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Gontrum, Esquire, Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioners.

Peter Max Zinnerman

# COLBERT MATZ ROSENITT, INC. 3723 Old Court Road Suite 206 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21208

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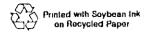
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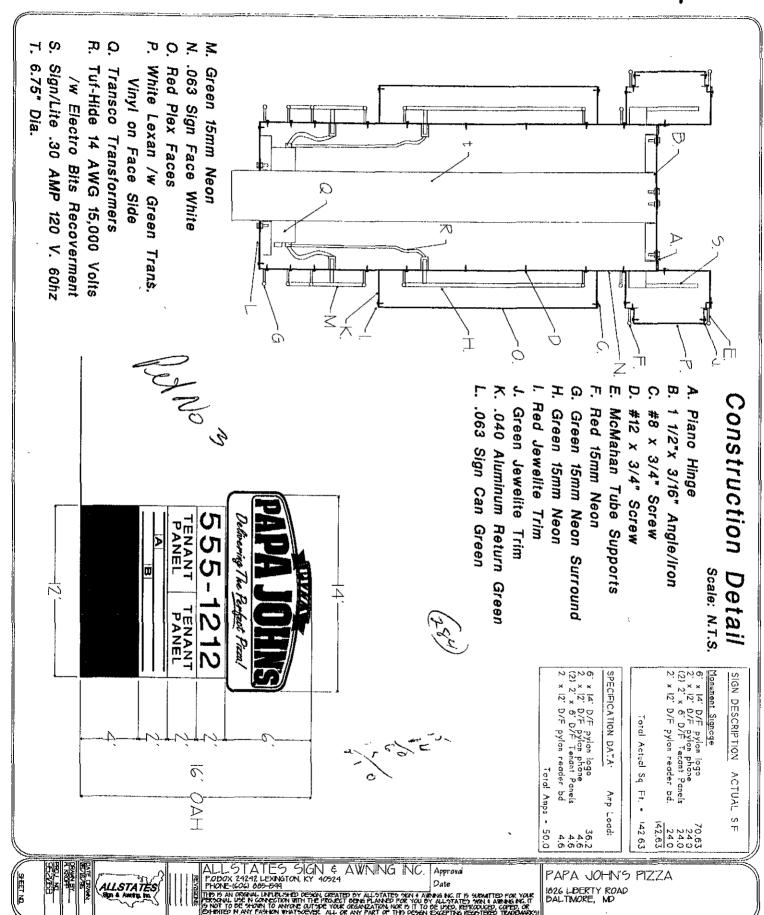
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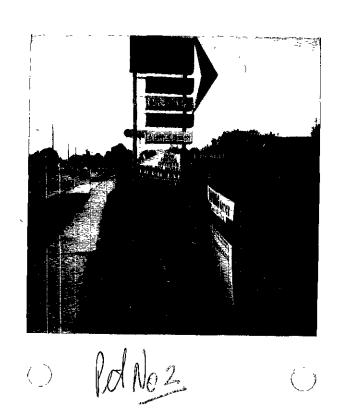
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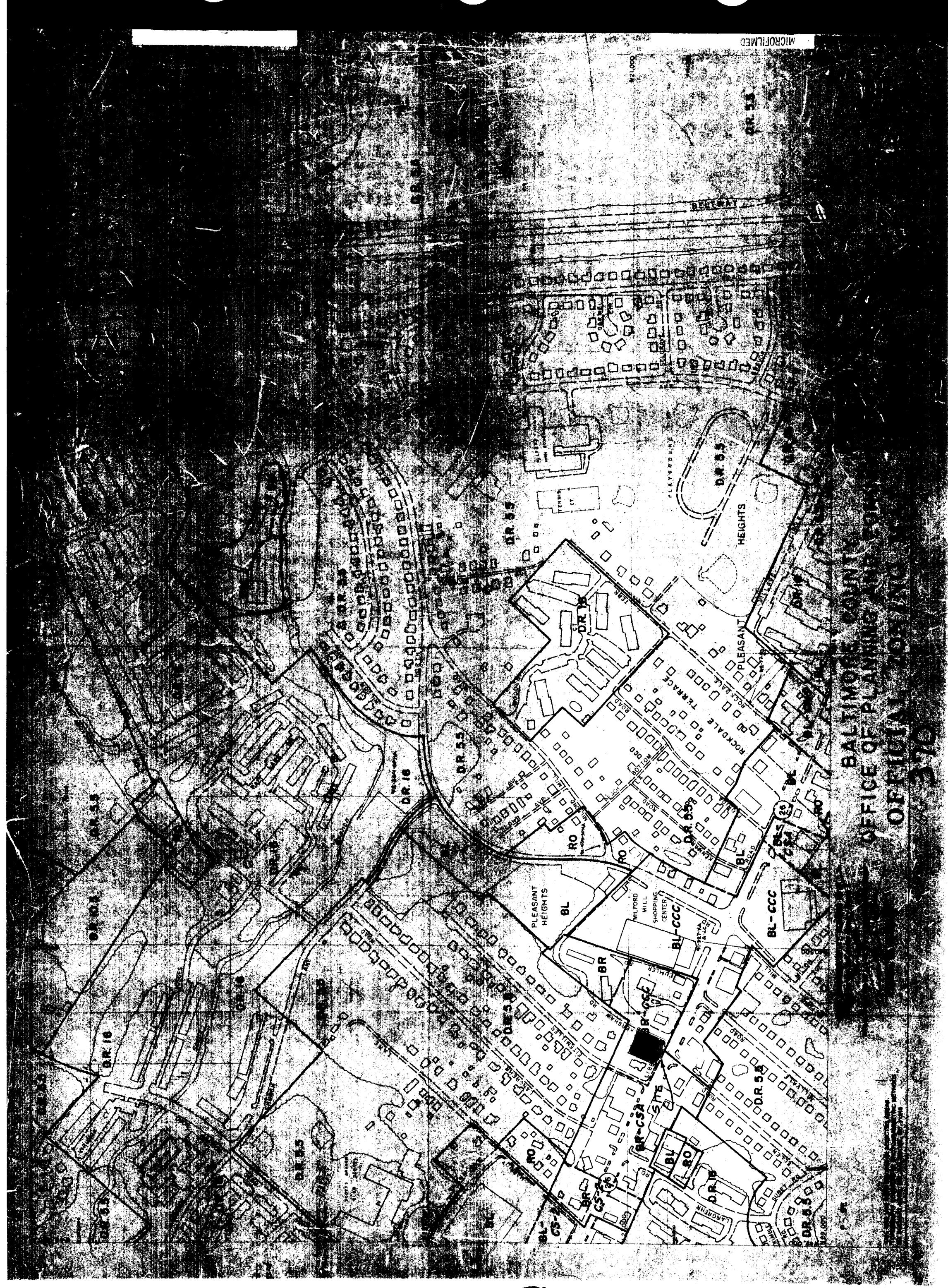
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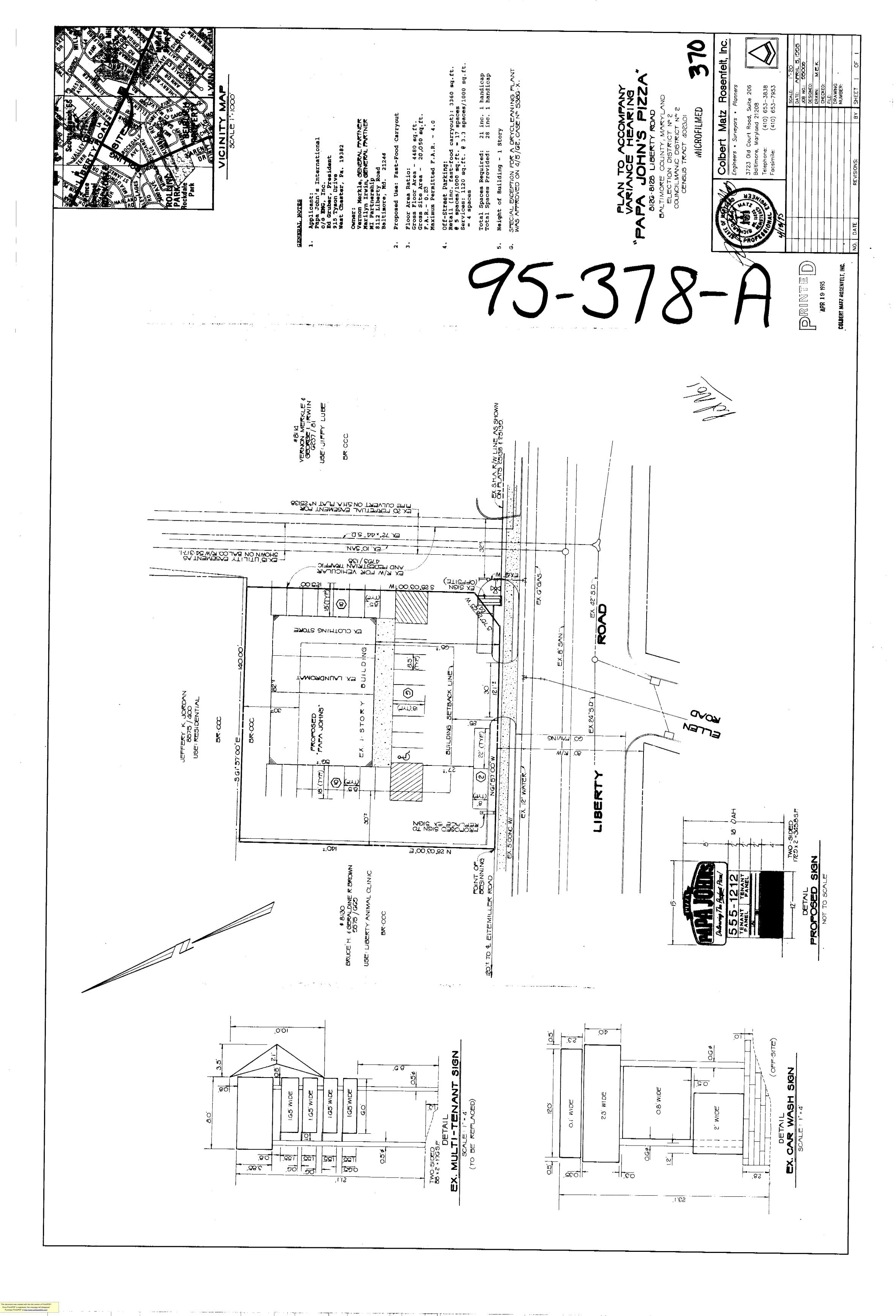


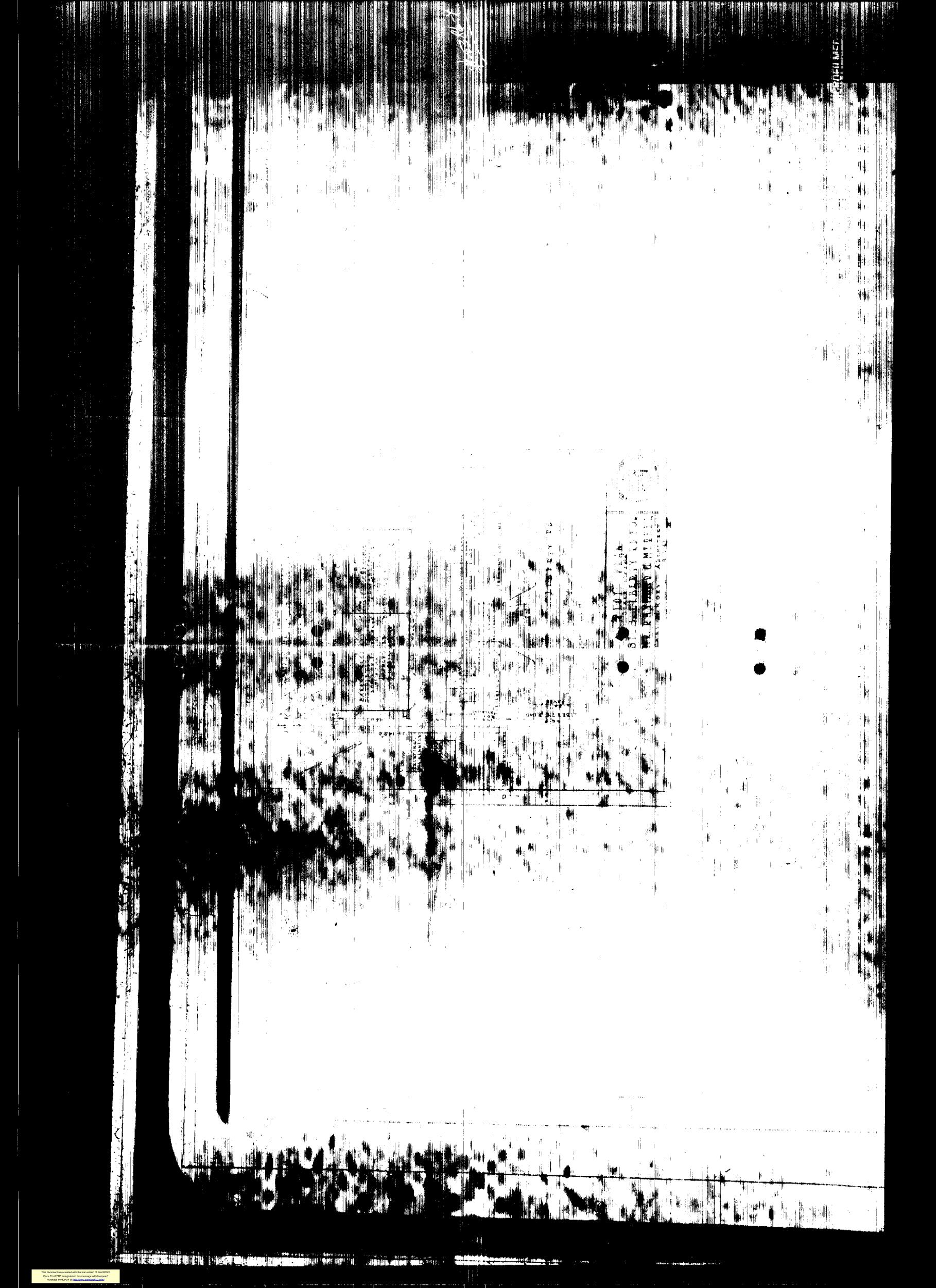






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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for the property located at 8126-28 Liberty Road in the northwestern section of Baltimore County. The Petition is filed by Vernon Merkle, General Partner of MI Partnership, property owner and Papa John's International Restaurants, Lessee. Variance relief is requested from Section 413(2)(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit 346 sq. ft. of free-standing business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 sq. ft. At the public hearing held for this case the Petition was amended to reduce the amount of signage requested to 261.26 sq. ft.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing was Richard E. Matz from Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., engineers. The Petitioner was represented by John B. Gontrum, Esquire. Appearing as interested persons were Emily Wolfson on behalf of the Liberty Communities Development Corporation and Dr. Bruce Brown, Veterinarian, who operates the Liberty Animal Clinic immediately next door to the subject site.

Testimony and evidence offered was that the subject property is approximately 20,050 sq. ft. in area and is zoned B.R.-C.C.C. The property is located adjacent to the intersection of Liberty Road and Ellen Road, along the highly commercial/business corridor that is Liberty Road. This property has had a long history of use as a commercial property. The site is improved by an existing one story building which presently houses three

commercial tenants. The major tenant is the Papa John's Pizza Restaurant. Other tenants occupying the site include a laundromat and clothing store. The balance of the property is improved with a macadam parking area.

The site also presently features an old sign which advertises several former tenants of the property. The Petitioner proposes removing this sign and constructing a modern sign in its place. The sign originally proposed by the Petitioner is shown on the site plan (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1). However, the request was amended, prior to the hearing, as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 3. At the hearing, a second amendment was offered which further modifies that sign depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit No 3.

As proposed, the sign will be 15 ft. high. It will be substantially similar to the sign depicted on Exhibit No. 3 except that the 4 ft. base will be reduced to 3 ft. and the signage portion will be 10 ft. in height in lieu of 12 ft. The top of the sign will contain the logo for Papa John's Restaurant and a message board. Two other tenant panels will be available. The Petitioner also indicated that this would be the only free standing sign on the site.

Based on the amendments made to the proposal and the reduced area of signage. as described above. Mrs. Wolfson and Dr. Brown support the request. It is also of note that the Office of Planning and Zoning prefers the proposed sign in lieu of the old unattractive sign which presently is located on the property.

In support of the requested variances, it should be observed that the site contains three commercial tenants. Would the property be considered a shopping center, a sign 150 sq. ft. in area would be permissible, pursuant to Section 413.2(e) of the BCZR. However, the Petitioner has not chosen to identify itself as a shopping center; thus, a greater variance is needed.

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Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the relief requested, as amended. Clearly, this will be an improvethe subject site and not be detrimental to the surrounding locale. Moreover, the uniqueness of the subject lot and its use is found in the fact that more than one business operates on the property. For these reasons, the Petition for Variance should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFURE. IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Counday of June, 1995 that a variance from Section 413(2)(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit 261.26 sq. ft. of free-standing business signage, in lieu of the permitted 100 sq. ft., as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 3 (as modified to provide a 3 ft. base in lieu of 4 ft. and 110 ft. signage area in lieu of 12 ft.), be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

> 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until -such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Suite 112 Courthouse

Towson, MD 21204

400 Washington Avenue

John Gontrum, Esquire

Baltimore, Maryland 21221

**PE: Petition for Variance** 

Case No. 95-378-A

in accordance with the attached Order.

contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

Property:8126-28 Liberty Road

Contract Purchaser: Papa John's International

date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require

cc: Mrs. Emily Wolfson, Liberty Communities Development Corp.

Dr. Bruce Brown, Liberty Animal Clinic

additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, with restriction,

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the

Legal Owner: MI Partnership

814 Eastern Avenue

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

LES:mmn

# Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 8126-28 Liberty Road

which is presently zoned BR-CCC This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 413(2)(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit a total area of 346 square feet of freestanding business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 square feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

The proposed use is a highly competitive business which requires an onsite sign with a recognizable company logo visible to the traveling public.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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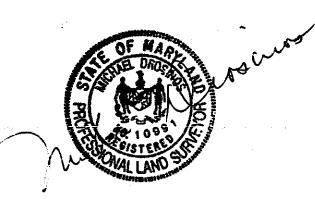
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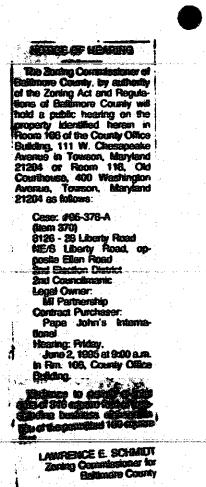
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3723 Old Court Road, Suite 206, Baltimore, Maryland 21208 Telephone: (410) 653-3838 / Facsimile: (410) 653-7953

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 95-378-1

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### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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Development Munugement Le Vest Chesapeake Avanue т. ш., Maryland 21204 #370 (WCR) DROP-OFF --- NO REVIEW \$020 - VARIANCE ----- \$250.00 #030 - SIGN POSTING ---- 35.00 TOTAL ----- \$285.00 Legal Owner - Vernon Merkle, General Partner Contract Purchaser - Papa John's International 8126-28 Liberty Road .45 +/- acre District - 2c2 Checks from EMG Associates, Inc. Zoned B.R.-C.C.C. Previous Hearing: 5386-X (approved 4/5/62)

**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

June 6, 1995

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmid

Zoning Commissioner

(410) 887-4386

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Attorney: John Contrum

(410) 887-3353

April 28, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 95-378-A (Item 370) 8126 - 28 Liberty Road NE/S Liberty Road, opposite Ellen Road 2nd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic Legal Owner: MI Partnership Contract Purchaser: Papa John's International HEARING: FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

Variance to permit a total area of 346 square feet of free-standing business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 square feet.

cc: MI Partnership Papa John;s International John B. Gontrum, Esq. Richard E. Matz, PE

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no

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Development Coordination

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

John B. Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221

> RE: Item No.: 370 Case No.: 95-378-A Petitioner: Vernon Merkle

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on April 20, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Attachment(s)

Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Hal Kassoff

O James Lighthizer

5-3-95

Ms. Joyce Watson Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building

Re: Baltimore County Item No.: 370 (WCR

Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Watson:

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Room 109

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Ronald Burns, Chief **Engineering Access Permits** 

FROM: Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning DATE: May 18, 1995

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration &

Development Management

INFORMATION Item Number:

SUBJECT: 8126-28 Liberty Road

Petitioner: Property Size:

Zoning:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The applicant requests a variance to permit a total area of 346 square feet of freestanding business signage in lieu of the permitted 100 square feet.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Staff has met with applicant's representatives to discuss the subject variance request. As a result of our meeting and based upon an analysis of the proposed sign treatment, staff supports the requested variance because 1) a modern monument type sign will be replacing an unattractive larger sign; and 2) the petitioner has agreed that the sign will be intergrated with landscaping which should improve the overall visual quality of the site.

ITEM370/PZONE/ZAC1

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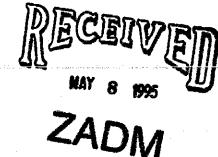
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REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. BAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office. PHONE 887-4881, MS-1100F

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

RALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 8, 1995

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief

for May 8, 1995

Item No. 370

landscaping.

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Developers Engineering Section

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed

to conform with Sec. IX.c.2.b.2 of the Landscape Manual.

requiring a 10-foot setback from the right-of-way for

the subject zoning item. The submitted parking layout fails

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

John Gontrum, Esquire

814 Eastern Avenue

Baltimore MD 21221

(410) 887-3353

RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #370)
Contract Purchaser: Papa John's Inter. 8126-28 Liberty Road 2nd Election District

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are <u>advisory</u> and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any region and if the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

- Legal owner's name on petition form does not agree with legal owner's name on the plat. The must both reflect the same name(s).
- Setback of (south side) parking spaces to street right-of-way has been 10 feet since 5/26/88. Prior to that it was 8 feet. Give age of existing building and parking lot.
- Submit copy of deed giving use of the traffic and pedestrian easement (east side). Get approval of Rahee Famili, Developers Engineering Section, Room 213, for same plus access to the other spaces.
- Explain and date parking space layout changes. Current plan differs with microfilm copy of #5386-X hearing plan.



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John Gontrum, Esquire May 12, 1995 Page 2

- Give hearing case number (and details), granting the 15-foot rear setback. Zoning map "2nd & 3rd A", effective 4/5/60 shows B.R. zoning. (#5386-X plan shows 30-foot plus rear setback.)
- 6. Dimension each use within the building footprint.
- 7. Indicate the special exception case number for the off-site sign.
- 8. Add amenity open space calculations and label and shade the areas.

  If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate

to contact me at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

John J. Sullivan, Jr. Planner II

JJS:scj

Enclosure (receipt)

c: Zoning Commissioner

RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #)
Legal Owner:

Election District

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Very truly yours,

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cc: Zoning Commissioner

Enclosure (receipt)

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE * BEFORE THE 8126-28 Liberty Road, NE/S Liberty Road,	FAX (410) 653-7953	ATTENDO RICHARDS
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If enclosures are not as noted, kindly notify us at once.

